

General Education Development (GED) Credits to Meet Core Graduation Requirements

Bismarck Public Schools (BPS) may allow high school students to receive credit for taking relevant portions of the General Education Development (GED) assessment to satisfy corresponding graduation requirements set forth in NDCC 15.1-21-02.2 and NDCC 15.1-21-02.3. BPS delegates overall authority to the Superintendent to make all GED assessment credit allowance decisions on a case-by-case basis, based on the criteria developed by the Superintendent as set forth in Policy GDA Graduation Requirements.

Requirements

Students must be at least 16 years of age. Students may be able to begin prep work before age 16 if approved by the school's Student Assistance Team (SAT) (see student eligibility). Students will not be able to test before age 16.

Student Eligibility

Any referral to follow this educational track must be vetted by the school's SAT. Students will be required to be at least 1 school year behind in the core academic area they would like to test in unless approved by the building SAT.

Number of Credits Earned

Credits required for graduation in the core academic area corresponding to the test passed will be awarded to the student. Students will only earn that which they have not already passed and earned in high school classes. (i.e., if the student has passed Freshman English (1 credit) and then completes the RLA portion of the GED, they will be awarded 3 credits of English. Up to three core areas can be tested in.

Difference Between Graduation Requirements vs Optional Requirements

Students will earn the minimum requirements for the core area according to their corresponding graduation track.